

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | : Irina Velikyan | |
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 22, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for one (1) month from March 22, 2007 through April 22, 2007. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.